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Dear Harold:

Yours of recent date to hand and I will begin a search of my files for the stipulated records. I will report my research to you within a couple of days, hopefully some time tomorrow.

A few points seriatum:

1.I inquired of several librarians on the library rate and got answers that do not completely satisfy me, as I am not sure they ever thought about such a fact and will tomorrow make extended, severe, inquiries of those who must know.

2.My funds are exhausted as of this date with the mailing of a check for $19. to JL for postage for material he has sent me over the past year.

3.On July 1 a new source of funds will open up and I will be able to draw upon them to send you tapes (60s & 90s). (Curious world!)

4.Tomorrow Lix' precise summer class times will be sent home from school. She is involved in a Tennis clinic, or so they term it, an art 'school' (which actually is a lot of fun for 8-12 years old and her brother will take it too)a swimming session, violin, etc. All of these are fun things, with companions, with stimulating subjects (more or less) and so forth. I do know roughly the times through a phone call and know that the month of July through the first week of August will be taken up with Lis and Dave. So I will plan to go to Washington, D. C. about the seond or third week in August--precisely how and with who or how long I must await a week or two of various family interchanged of correspondence.

At the time I am busy finishing up a bunch of minor projects and also preparing the manuscript of 2052-73, volume 1 of The Freedom of Information Act and Political Assassination series It appears to be falling between 270 and 290 prepared pages and looks quite nice, but unfortunately it is in the printed language and xx does not tickle a nerve or stiumulate a passion so perhaps will have a limited appeal. It will serve to document the record and will be an excellent format for 'scholars' to use. It is an excellent case to read.

By the way two former students, MacDonald and Ginocchio, are finishing up their PhDs at New Hampshire and used HR's Presumed Guilty as the text book--xxxxxa hundred were used. In that state an approach like PG is effective. I have asked them to write to HR and express their opinions about it. They of course raved about the book. Their only reservation was the details of the killing, the Commission formation, etc. had to be filled in by them--the factual clothing, but this is not a critique of course. By the way they called the University Press F.D. to ask why their price was so high and the lady could not tell them; then they called A.S. Barnes to order the book as text and the same lady answered the phone. Two different numbers.

Deloyd went to Madison via a hitched ride to use a periodical index for European literature on the JFK assassination and attendent questions. This will pick up a scad of things.

In using the standard guides to periodical literature two things stand out: 1) only a few periodicals are indexed and leave me with the disquieting problem of what to do with the minor or grassroots stuff. With Ramparts and Minority of One every issue will be scanned, page by page, So too with any other similar periodical that lends itself to this. But lord knows what will be missed. (few=150)

2) With the standard periodicals Deloyd has found that about 50 percent of the information--articles, editorials, photographs, etc., are missed by the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature and other standard guides. Thus each issue is skimmed for the data and the citations grow. With Time only 35% was gaught,

Now the federal material will gone over, item by item, including <u>every</u> sub-point for each one. For example, the date and by what person the resolutions,were introduced, their progression through the legislative mills, their final disposition, page numbers. etc. For a resolution as many as fifteen entries might have to be made. But it will be as thorough as man/woman can make it.

Along this line I will write to George Larnder, Jr., of the W Post to see if he has an index to his stuff or knows if one can be gotten for me. Maybe when I come to DC in August I will call on the Star and Post librarians for assistance. which I doubt will be forthcoming.

Although Deloyd wants me to start soon to search out a publisher for a definitive descriptive bibliography I see so many problems that he cannot know of that I feel it would be good to wait for another month. Maybe he will convince me not to wait but to plunge ahead. But quality, massive scholarship, thorough professionalism at the best level ever reached for something in recent history is what I want. A jewel--a city with walls that cannot be breached.

Similarly we wish (I do) to start via several methods--all of which take money and resrouces not available as yet but that might be available--to constract a master article file, A copy of everything ever printed, keyed to the bibliography (This must remain confidential,for you as I wish to pursue it in a discreet way in order to block any potential rival.) i would use the Alumni groups of the UWSP for copies of the common periodicals, they would get with it over this I think.

Adios

Dave